

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11, 19-27, 31-36, 38-44 and 46-60 are pending. Claims 1-11, 19-27, 31-36, 38-44, 46-49 and 51-60 are allowed. Claims 8, 31, 36, 39, and 50 have been amended to remove spaces between the "SEQ ID NO:" and the actual sequence identification numbers. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objection

Claim 50 is objected to due to spaces between the "SEQ ID NO:" and the actual numbers.

Applicant has amended claim 50 to delete the above-noted spaces. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this ground of objection has been overcome.

Finality of Office Action

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the finality of the Office Action. Applicant submits that the above-noted objection to claim 50 is a new ground of objection that is not necessitated by Applicant's amendment. This is because claim 50 is an independent claim and was not amended in Applicant's response filed July 21, 2009. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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Applicant believes that the remaining claims of the present application are now allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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